(2) The survey of the Power Canal, Pipe line and Fore-bay has been completed. Borings for dam foundations have to be taken during the next dry season.

(3) This information will be used.

(4) In determining the capacity of the reservoir and the height of dam to be constructed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-divisions (3) and (4). Did the new report contain any information which was not in the possession of the Government by previous reports ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The discharge of the river varies during different years and before we can have a correct idea of the discharge it is necessary for us to gauge the river for a series of years. The readings taken by the Special Officer last year show that the previous readings were on the highest, that is, the readings taken during the same periods on the previous occasion show that the discharge of the river was not at its lowest because the readings of the Special Officer show that it was only 40 to 50 cubits in the last discharge.

Qualifications for the Council Secretaryship.

87. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the qualifications, according to the Government, for the Secretaryship to the Legislative Council ;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee about this Secretaryship ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No special qualifications are prescribed.

(b) Vide para 75 of the Special Finance Committee's report.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does the Government propose to prescribe any qualification ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think that at present Government need prescribe any special qualifications.

Petitions from vaccinators.

88. **Mr. Ouseph, P. Kundukulam.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Diwan has received any petition from the vaccinators for raising their pay, etc., in 1104 ;

(2) whether enquiry was made into the grievances stated in their petitions ;

(3) if so, what was the result of the enquiry ;

(4) if not, why not ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2), (3) and (4). The matter is under correspondence.

89. **Mr. Ouseph, P. Kundukulam.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) whether the Government has received any petition from vaccinators in Kanni 1106 complaining against their low pay, and the difficulties for not having enforced compulsory vaccination in the State;

(2) whether the allegations stated in their petitions are true and whether the Government is contemplating to take measures for redressing their grievances; if not, why not;

(3) whether the petitioners' statement, to the effect that the temporary hands recently appointed are given a salary of Rs. 25 and allowance of Rs. 15 while the permanent hands of long service are given only Rs. 20 and Rs. 25 as salary and Rs. 5 as allowance, is true?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) The matter is under correspondence.

(3) Yes.

Maximum Pension.

90. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state under the Standing Orders, what is the maximum pension that a retiring Government servant is entitled to receive from the Government of Cochin?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Rs. 500; but it is under the Cochin Service Regulations and not the Standing Orders.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether any retired officer has been granted a pension of more than Rs. 500?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes, the retired Diwan of Cochin.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know how much?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Rs. 750.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether there is any provision laid down to go against the rules?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—His Highness' sanction is sufficient.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what was the special consideration to grant him a pension more than that which is laid down?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—We have answered that question yesterday.

President.—That question was answered yesterday.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The answer to this supplementary question was not answered.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—According to His Highness' sanction it was given.

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